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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT : A Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for
Planning for the Security of the United States

REFERENCE : Memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence
from the Executive Secretary, National
Security Council, same subject, 5 June 1951

1. There is no doubt of the great need for, and value of, the proposed project, and the conclusions and recommendations of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security are concurred in.

2. The proposed appraisal is necessarily much broader in scope than the usual National Intelligence Estimate. It involves the integration of intelligence on the USSR with various types of information on the United States. Therefore it is essential, as provided in Paragraph 2 of the proposed NSC Directive, that all Government departments and agencies "shall make available to the Director of Central Intelligence such information in their possession as is necessary to the solution of the problem" as well as "the full-time services, on a temporary loan basis, of those individuals who are best qualified by experience and knowledge to assist in the project."

3. It is noted that the authorization of the foregoing assistance is restricted by certain qualifying clauses. It is imperative that these clauses should not be interpreted in such a way as to limit the scope or otherwise prevent the accomplishment of the project, as described in the proposed NSC Directive.

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